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This Amendment is being filed along with an RCE in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 7, 2009, the term for response to which expires on October 7, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-7, 13-20 and 22 are canceled, and claims 8-12 and 21 are amended.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

This paper is being submitted via EFS-Web on October 6, 2009

In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not already paid, authorization to charge the extension fee to Account No. 06-1378. In addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any fees for which payment has not been submitted, or to credit any overpayments, to Account No. 06-1378.